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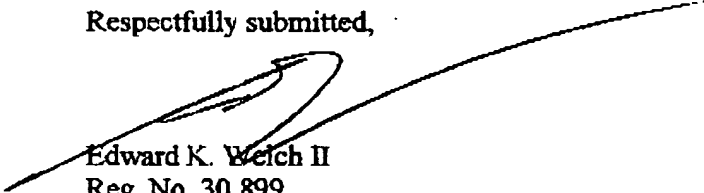
STATUS INQUIRY

Dear Sir:

Please advise the undersigned of the current status of the above-identified pending patent application. According to the PAIR System, this application is currently under a Non-Final Action that was mailed on October 26, 2004; however, a look at the Transaction History and the Image File Wrapper shows that this communication, a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, was withdrawn on November 4, 2004. Thus, this application should now be before the Examiner together with the Amendment and Response filed by Applicants on June 24, 2004 and corrected on October 20, 2004 in light of the Request for Continued Examination filed September 23, 2004.

For convenience, the Patent Office may contact the undersigned via telephone (781-718-9512); e-mail (welched@comcast.net) or facsimile (239-263-7083) with a response.

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